CASE WW/3-22353/A/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1797

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Examiner: Hruskoci, Peter A.

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FOR: PRODUCTION OF A FERMENTATION

PRODUCT

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/587,582

35 USC 371 DATE: JULY 28. 2006

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Sir:

Examiner has requested that the applicant submit a statement of common ownership for the above application and co-pending applications 10/587,583 and 10/523,301.

Applicants submit that Application 10/587,582 and co-pending applications 10/587,583 and 10/523,301 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/587,582 was made, commonly owned.

Additionally, after reviewing this case in the PAIR system it was discovered that only one terminal disclaimer was submitted in the last office action (10/523,301). A terminal disclaimer for 10/587,583 was inadvertently not submitted in the last office action. The applicants include the omitted terminal disclaimer with this letter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Terminal Disclaimer for 10/587,582 and fee.

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